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REMARKS

Claims 1-35 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

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Double Patenting Rejections

Claims (15 & 19) and 16-18 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, and 2-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,872, respectively.

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Claims (1 & 2) and 12 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,872.

Claims 20 and 21-23 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7 and 8-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,872, respectively.

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Claims (24 & 25) and 35 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,872.

Applicant files herewith a terminal disclaimer thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

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Conclusion

All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of

- 5 Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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